



ADDRESS REPLY TO:
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FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday – October 29, 2008 10:30 a.m.

I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Commissioner Garcia, standing in for Chairman Lindholm, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Members present: Anne Quick, Leo Garcia, Glen Forman

Members absent: Wayne Lindholm, Neil Struthers

II. Review/Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2008

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Quick and seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The minutes were approved.

II. Drug/alcohol prevention in apprenticeship training

- Mr. Garcia opened the floor to the public on discussion or ideas on drug testing within their program. It was suggested to look into implementing an educational understanding how to look for signs of the different characteristics of some one on drugs.
- Mr. Garcia asked if anyone had an alcohol prevention program. Some Programs offer medical benefits which include services for abuse and prevention.
- Mr. Garcia entertained the idea if anyone would be interested in forming a panel on a Drug & Alcohol forum. Renee Bacchini, DAS Special Assistant to the Chief will gather a panel and make a presentation at the Second Quarterly meeting in April.

III. Mono lingual students – discussion of problems for training.

- One of the programs stated the difficulties with a person who is not able to speak English on the job site, becomes a concern with safety issues.
- It was suggested to have a course identified as ESL in Construction in English and Spanish. It was also suggested that apprentices go through regular related education adult classes at local high schools. Other suggestions included speakers that could have you speaking a different language in a 20 minute sessions.
- Chief Deputy Director, David Rowan suggested that the committee could put a forum together to speak at the Construction College in San Jose to share ideas and information.

- A mono lingual forum will be scheduled at the Third Quarterly meeting in July.

IV. Other items of Potential Interest

- Mr. Garcia announced that DAS is now fully in charge of providing information on apprenticeship wages on prevailing wages. He suggested that a forum be set to discuss problems on the information gathered by DAS from the program sponsors specifically the collecting bargaining units. The prevailing wage will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mr. Forman directed anyone having apprenticeship prevailing wage questions to Mary Sorokolit, DAS Area Administrator. She can be contacted at msorokolit@dir.ca.gov. If anyone has questions on using the forms can be sent to Mr. Forman at GForman@dir.ca.gov or Ms. Bacchini at RBacchini@dir.ca.gov.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.